GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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GRAM URJA PARIYOJANA
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced Gram Urja Pariyojana in the country to provide power to the villages;

(b) if so, the number of villages covered in the first phase under this scheme, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the implementation of said scheme in each State, as on date; and

(d) the extent to which power shortage has been overcome by the implementation of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): The Ministry is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for electrification of unelectrified remote census villages with non-conventional energy sources. The Ministry has so far provided support under the programme for electrification of 3064 villages of which 1944 have been completed. In addition, a set of test projects are also being implemented for demonstrating the concept of village energy security in remote unelectrified villages primarily using locally available biomass materials. The basic objective of these projects is to meet the total energy requirements including cooking, lighting and motive power. So far, 24 test projects have been taken up. State-wise breakup of the completed projects and the total expenditure incurred are given in the Annexure.

(d): The Remote Village Electrification Programme aims at meeting the power needs of those unelectrified remote villages where conventional electricity is not likely to be available and thus would help in mitigating the power shortage situation in those villages.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a),(b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2077 for 5-8-2005.

a. Statewise distribution of villages Electrified So Far under the RVE Programme

No.	State	No.of Villages Electrified	Expenditure incurred (in Rs. Lakhs)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	66	658.71
2	Assam	39	111.57
3	Chattisgarh	325	1176.13
4	Gujarat	2	8.61
5	Himachal Pradesh	1	27.0
6	Jammu & Kashmir	90	1862.80
7	Jharkhand	24	943.21
8	Madhya Pradesh	-	109.25
9	Maharashtra	-	313.63
10	Manipur	106	842.01
11	Meghalaya	24	498.40
12	Mizoram	-	144.75
13	Orissa	18	42.89
14	Rajasthan	-	360.72
15	Sikkim	-	8.60
16	Tripura	31	1896.90
17	Uttaranchal	231	1280.18
18	Uttar Pradesh	-	1542.67
19	West Bengal	987	2968.00
	Total	1,944	

b. Test Projects Taken up on Village Energy Security

State	Number of Test Projects sanctioned Year-wise Amount Released (in Rs.)		
		2004-05	2005-06
Madhya Pradesh	11	4654745	4654745
Rajasthan	6	2760345	-
West Bengal	7	3458522	-